

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 5, lines 17-27, as follows:

While the hair warming tool can have one or more than one heating parts, it is preferred for the hair warming tool to have a plurality of heating parts to have improved flexibility for wrapping tied hair. By having a plurality of heating parts, the hair warming tool becomes flexible and conformable to the contour of the section of hair to be treated, and can be folded into a compact package. Where the hair warming tool has two or more heating parts, each heating part preferably has an area of 5 to 200 cm<sup>2</sup>, particularly 10 to 100 cm<sup>2</sup>, for securing both flexibility of the tool and a sufficient total heating area. The width W1 or open space (see FIG. 1) between adjacent heating parts is preferably 1 to 40 mm, still preferably 3 to 20 mm, so as to provide flexibility and to secure a sufficient area for the margin used to fasten the hair warming tool (the area of prescribed width having no heating part).

Please amend the paragraph at page 14, lines 1-14, as follows:

The first sheet 6 and the second sheet 7 are provided for safety (for preventing, e.g., powder leaks), convenience to use, and decoration. Should the peripheral seal of the heating part 2 be broken, the first sheet 6 serves to prevent the powder from leaking. The first sheet 6 can be printed with logotypes, etc. to add a decorative design. The second sheet 7 is made of a material having low thermal conductivity, such as nonwoven fabric. Where the heating element is designed to have a temperature increased to about 60°C, it may be felt slightly too hot to the touch while worn, in which case the second sheet 7 will serve as an insulator. For this heat insulation function, nonwoven fabric is suitable as the second sheet 7. If the sheet 6 has low air permeability, there is a possibility of the sheet 6 expanding due to steam generated from the heating elements and expansion of air around the heating elements because the periphery of the sheet 6 is sealed (indicated by numeral 8). It is therefore

Application No. 10/082,343  
Reply to Office Action of March 5, 2008

preferred for that kind of sheet 6 to have holes 9, which open into air gap A, for air escape.

The first sheet 6 and/or the second sheet 7 may be omitted.